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In re application of:

Trinh *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/306,986

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For: **A Method for Synthesizing a
Nucleic Acid Molecule Using a
Ribonuclease**

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Hutson, R.

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2001, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This amendment places the claims in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

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